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SUBJ: AGRICULTURE STAFFING

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1. SUMMARY: MISSION REVIEWED AGRICULTURE STAFFING WITH REES PER REF A. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) APPROVAL OF PRODUCTION SPAR: (B) TRANSFER OF BULLARD TO ISLAMABAD, AND (C) AID/W INITIATE RECRUITMENT FOR A RURAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING REES VISIT DECEMBER 12-16, MISSION REVIEWED AGRICULTURE STAFFING IN RELATION TO CURRENT PROGRAMS, THOSE IN PLANNING STAGE AND NEW DIRECTIONS. BASED ON THIS REVIEW AND LOOKING TO THE SUMMER OF CY 1974 AND BEYOND, MISSION PROPOSES THE FOLLOWING STAFFING NOTING POSITION TITLE, INCUMBENT AND/OR PROPOSED NOMINEE OR REQUIREMENT FOR RECRUITMENT.

A. AGRICULTURE OFFICER: RICHARD NEWBERG

B. SENIOR AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST: AWAITING NOMINATION.

C. TECHNICAL GENERALIST CONCENTRATING ON RESEARCH, EXTENSION, TRAINING AND INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES. WE WILL MODIFY THE CURRENT RESEARCH SPAR TO REFLECT THIS BROADER RESPONSIBILITY: FLOYD WILLIAMS.

D. TECHNICAL GENERALIST IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AS RECENTLY SUBMITTED IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION SPAR: REQUEST BULLARD BE APPROVED FOR TRANSFER TO ISLAMABAD ASAP.

E. NEW POSITION: EMPHASIZING STRONG PROGRAM MANAGEMENT ABILITY AND TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE IN RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASPECTS BEYOND AGRICULTURE SUCH AS LOCAL LEVEL ORGANIZATION, RURAL INDUSTRY, FARM TO MARKET ROADS, RURAL EMPLOYMENT GENERATION AND INCOME REDISTRIBUTION. SPAR WILL BE SUBMITTED SHORTLY.

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EM MISSION ASSUMES THAT ALTHOUGH ANDERSON TRANSFER TO ANKARA NOT APPROVED HE WILL BE AMONG THOSE OFFICERS BEING CONSIDERED FOR SIMILAR POSITIONS ELSEWHERE AND AS SUCH MIGHT BE PULLED OUT ON SHORT NOTICE. EVEN IF ANDERSON CONTINUES ON THROUGH MOST OF CURRENT TOUR MISSION REQUESTS ACTION TO FILL POSITION DESCRIBED IN E ABOVE TO INSURE THAT KEY POSITIONS ARE FILLED ON A CONTINUING BASIS AS WE ARE IN MIDST OF A MAJOR EFFORT ON PROGRAM ELEMENTS REFLECTING THE NEW INITIATIVES IN AGRICULTURE.

4. IN SUMMARY MISSION REQUESTS: (A) APPROVAL OF THE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION SPAR AND ASSIGNMENT OF BULLARD TO THAT POSITION WITH TRANSFER ASAP, (B) INITIATE RECRUITMENT FOR PERSON WHO WILL MEET REQUIREMENTS PER ITEM 2 E ABOVE.

5. PROPOSED ACTION WAS DISCUSSED WITH REES WHO INDICATED HIS AGREEMENT ON TRANSFER BULLARD AND DESIRABILITY SEEKING PERSON DESCRIBED IN ITEM 2 E ON ASSUMPTION ANDERSON LIKELY TO TRANSFER.
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